



Lay Leader's Invitation to Annual Conference Session

We look forward to Annual Conference each year as a time of home-coming, a time when we come together again to renew friendships, to meet new members of the Rocky Mountain Conference family, to be inspired through worship and preaching, and to do the work of the Conference. We consider again how and where God is leading as a United Methodists in Rocky Mountain Conference and in the world.

We come this year thinking of our Annual Conference theme, "Ministry on the Margins." Where are the margins? Who dwells on the margins? Many of us have experienced living "in the margins" at some times in our lives: margins of economic distress, health, race, gender, sexual orientation, age, and so forth. As United Methodists, we are not called to ministry to those on the margins, but with those, and indeed, we will experience ministry from those on the margins. Ministry is mutual as we work together to bring about God's Kindom, for all are included in God's Kindom.

As Laity, we will come together for the Lay Session on Friday morning. Plans are underway to focus on several different ministries in our conference, including Fresh Expressions, Soul Repair (for veterans and those concerned), Immigration issues, Songs of Struggle, and more. Again this year we will have elections for Conference Lay Leader. (Visit www.rmcumc.org/ac16 for information and application for Lay Leader.) We will also celebrate our Quiet Disciples and honored Lay Servants at the Laity luncheon on Saturday. All Laity are welcome to attend that luncheon; please sign up at registration.

We hope to see you in June!

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